

Amendments to the Specification

On page 4, please amend paragraph [0024] as follows:

[0024] Figures 1 to 3 illustrate a portion of a steering wheel skeleton with a steering wheel rim 1 and with a spoke 2. A holding part 3 in the form of a holding plate is provided on the latter. As is evident from FIG. 2, the holding part 3 has a U shaped design in the region of the spoke 2, so that it partially surrounds the spoke. As is also evident from FIG. 2, the spoke 2 and the U shaped portion of the holding part 3 lie within a steering wheel foam surround 4, the foam surround also extending into the gap or interspace 5 between the spoke 2 and the holding part 3. The steering wheel foam surround 4 thus holds the holding part 3 securely on the spoke 2, although, apart from the foam surround, there is no mechanical connection between the two. The two parts are fixed in the intended position in the steering wheel foaming mold and are subsequently foamed in. As is evident from FIG. 1, in this embodiment that portion 3a of the holding part 3 which lies within the steering wheel foam surround 4 has a smaller longitudinal extent than the portion 3b which lies outside the steering wheel foam surround 4.

On page 5, please amend paragraph [0029] as follows:

[0029] The embodiment of FIG. 5 also corresponds in essential parts to that in figures 1 to 3. Here, too, the difference is in the shape of the holding part. A holding part 11 is provided which has a flat design in the region of the spoke 2. In contrast to the preceding embodiments, this holding part bears closely against the spoke 2 and, as in the previous embodiments, is held by the steering wheel foam surround 4. Where the demands on the holding part are particularly high, in this embodiment the latter may also be adhesively bonded to the spoke with adhesive 12 before being surrounded by foam. In this case, too, the strength of the spoke is not impaired.